

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Commercial Pilots \(53-2012\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers \(53-2011\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Transportation	4.6	23.1	18.7	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	15.8	12.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Geography	3.9	15.7	14.4	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Physics	4.3	12.3	10.9	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	12.2	10.7	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	11.2	13.4	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Law and Government	5.9	10.7	9.6	< Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation and Control	5.4	23.0	17.7	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Operation Monitoring	6.6	18.7	15.0	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	15.2	12.2	< A higher skill level may be required
Critical Thinking	10.8	15.0	13.6	< A higher skill level may be required

Complex Problem Solving	9.1	13.3	11.5	<	A higher skill level may be required
Coordination	9.1	12.3	10.5	<	A higher skill level may be required
Time Management	8.9	11.8	8.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Mathematics	6.2	10.7	4.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Response Orientation	4.0	20.6	13.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Far Vision	7.8	18.3	15.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Spatial Orientation	2.7	16.9	10.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Rate Control	3.8	16.1	11.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Depth Perception	5.3	15.9	13.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Reaction Time	4.8	15.7	12.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Selective Attention	8.7	15.0	12.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Time Sharing	6.6	13.8	10.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Night Vision	2.1	11.5	8.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Peripheral Vision	2.2	11.4	8.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 100

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adhere to government aviation regulations	92
Conduct preflight or in-flight tests or checks of aircraft equipment	92
Coordinate flight activities with ground personnel	95

Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Evaluate aircraft pilots for flying proficiency	99
Flight test new or altered aircraft	95
Follow aviation emergency procedures	92
Load/unload passenger luggage or cargo	80
Maintain flight records or logs	95
Make decisions	24
Monitor aircraft operation to detect problems	92
Operate helicopters	92
Operate navigation technology or equipment	87
Perform safety inspections in transportation setting	62
Pilot aircraft	85
Plan flight patterns	99
Read maps	42
Read navigation charts	85
Respond to in-flight data	95
Review flight data prior to flight	99
Sustain attention in air traffic emergencies	92
Teach flight school	99
Transport passengers or cargo	64
Understand English for aviation communications	89
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use aircraft safety regulations	85
Use established traffic or transportation procedures	78
Use knowledge of geographic coordinates	85
Use local or regional geographical knowledge to transportation	70
Use two-way radio or mobile phone	42
Use visual flight procedures	95

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 95

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Aerospace location and navigation systems and components	70
Aircraft emergency systems	70
Aircraft environmental control systems and components	80
Aircraft equipment	90
Aircraft fuel tanks and systems	90
Aircraft landing and braking systems	90
Aircraft master control systems	90
Aircraft power systems	90

Calculating machines and accessories	3
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Educational or reference software	12
Fire fighting equipment	16
Flight communications related systems	70
Flight instrumentation	80
Industry specific software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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